



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Hofmann et al.

Docket No.: VTN-575

Serial No.: 10/056,773

Group Art Unit: 1722

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: SHAPE MEMORY POLYMER OR  
ALLOY OPHTHALMIC LENS MOLD  
AND METHODS OF FORMING  
OPHTHALMIC PRODUCTS

Examiner: D. Heckenberg

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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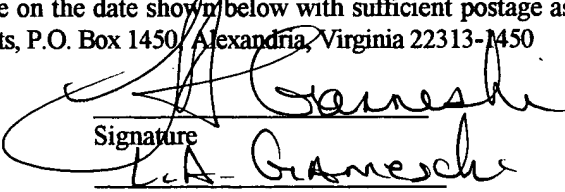
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 7, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, an ophthalmic mold made of a shape memory polymer. Applicants also elect Species VIII, a copolymer of styrene and a vinyl compound. Claims 1 through 26 read on the elected groups.

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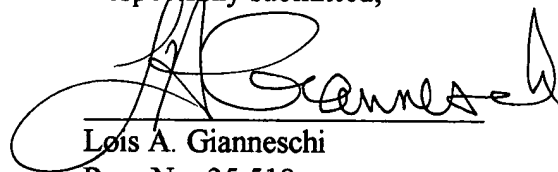
  
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Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.  
Allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Date: October 27, 2003

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lois A. Gianneschi', written over a horizontal line.

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